

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (original) A body taste improver comprising decomposed substances of a long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid and/or an ester thereof.

2. (original) A body taste improver comprising an extract of decomposed substances of a long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid and/or an ester thereof.

3. (original) A body taste improver consisting of decomposed substances of fat and oil composition comprising a long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid and/or an ester thereof in an amount of 1% by weight or more.

4. (original) A body taste improver consisting of an extract of decomposed substances of fat and oil composition comprising a long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid and/or an ester thereof in an amount of 1% by weight or more.

5. (original) A body taste improver according to anyone of Claim 1 – 4, wherein the long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid is arachidonic acid or γ -linolenic acid.

6. (currently amended) A body taste improver according to ~~anyone of Claim 1 – 5~~ Claim 1, wherein the decomposed substances or extract thereof comprises an aldehyde having 10- 15 carbon atoms.

7. (original) A body taste improver according to Claim 6, wherein the decomposed substances or extract thereof comprises an aldehyde having two or more of double bonds.

8. (original) A body taste improver according to Claim 6 or 7, which comprises 2,4,7-tridecatrienal.

9. (currently amended) A body taste improver according to ~~anyone of Claim 1—8~~ Claim 1, wherein the long-chain highly unsaturated fatty acid is not derived from animal fat and oil.

10. (currently amended) A food comprising a body taste improver according to ~~anyone of Claim 1—9~~ Claim 1.